

THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 7, 13, and 21 are independent. Claims 2-6 and 31-33, 8-12 and 34-36, 14-20, and 22-30 depend from independent claims 1, 7, 13, and 21, respectively.

Listing of claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for providing on a television screen within a home, access to selected ones of a plurality of media files stored outside of the home, the method comprising:

associating, outside of the home, a plurality of key codes with a corresponding plurality of media files, each of said plurality of key codes corresponding to a plurality of key sequences;

receiving one of said plurality of key sequences via manual input within the home;

authorizing communication of one of said plurality of media files corresponding to at least one of said associated plurality of key codes, to the home, said authorizing using said associated plurality of key codes; and

if said communication is authorized, communicating said one of said plurality of media files to the home, for display on the television screen.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising determining whether said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with an existing function for media exchange.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, comprising, if said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with said existing function for media exchange, requesting at least one media file associated with said existing function for media exchange.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, comprising, if said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with said existing function for media exchange, receiving at least one media file associated with said existing function for media exchange.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, comprising, if said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with said existing function for media exchange, displaying at least one media file associated with said existing function for media exchange.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising notifying a user of said one of said plurality of key sequences that is associated with a function for media exchange.

7. (Previously Presented) A machine-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having at least one code section for providing on a television screen within a home, access to selected ones of a plurality of media files stored outside of the home, the at least one code section being executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform steps comprising:

associating, outside of the home, a plurality of key codes with a corresponding plurality of media files, each of said plurality of key codes corresponding to a plurality of key sequences;

receiving one of said plurality of key sequences via manual input within the home;

authorizing communication of one of said plurality of media files corresponding to at least one of said associated plurality of key codes, to the home, said authorizing using said associated plurality of key codes; and

if said communication is authorized, communicating said one of said plurality of media files to the home, for display on the television screen.

8. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 7, comprising code for determining whether said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with an existing function for media exchange.

9. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 8, comprising code for requesting at least one media file associated with said existing function for media exchange, if said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with said existing function for media exchange,.

10. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 8, comprising code for receiving at least one media file associated with said existing function for media exchange, if said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with said existing function for media exchange.

11. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 8, comprising code that causes display of least one media file associated with said existing function for media exchange, if said received one of said received plurality of key sequences is associated with said existing function for media exchange.

12. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 7, comprising code for notifying a user of said one of said plurality of key sequences that is associated with a function for media exchange.

13. (Previously Presented) A method for providing media content, the method comprising:

receiving a key code corresponding to at least one media exchange function associated with a media program generated by a third (3rd) party provider of media, said key code corresponding to at least one key sequence, said key code associated with said media program, and said key sequence received via manual input within a home;

communicating one or both of said key code and data representative of said key code to said third (3rd) party media provider; and

in response to said communicated one or both of said key code associated with said media program and data representative of said key code, and if authorized using one or both of said key code and data representative of said key code, receiving media content of said media program, said media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function from at least said third (3rd) party media provider.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, comprising determining whether said key code is associated with an existing media exchange function.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, comprising, if said key code is associated with said existing media exchange function, requesting said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function from said third (3rd) party media provider.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, comprising, if said key code is unassociated with said existing media exchange function, initiating the creation of a new media exchange function corresponding to said key code.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, comprising transferring said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function from said third (3rd) party media provider to a media processing system.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, comprising presenting at least a portion of said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function to said user.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, comprising displaying at least a portion of said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function on a television screen of said media processing system.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, comprising notifying a user of availability of said key code associated with said media program generated by said third (3rd) party media provider.

21. (Previously Presented) A system for providing media content, the system comprising:

at least one processor operable to receive a key code corresponding to at least one media exchange function associated with a media program generated by a third (3rd) party media provider, said key code corresponding to at least one key sequence, said key code associated with said media program, and said key sequence received via manual input within a home;

said at least one processor is operable to communicate one or both of said key code and data representative of said key code to said third (3rd) party media provider; and

in response to said communicated at least one of said key code associated with said media program and data representative of said key code, and if authorized using one or both of said key code and data representative of said key code, said at least one processor is operable to receives media content of said media program, said media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function from at least said third (3rd) party media provider.

22. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is operable to determine whether said key code is associated with an existing media exchange function.

23. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 22, wherein said at least one processor is operable to request said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function from said third (3rd) party media provider, if said key code is associated with said existing media exchange function.

24. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 22, wherein said at least one processor is operable to initiate the creation of a new media exchange function corresponding to said key code, if said key code is unassociated with said existing media exchange function.

25. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is operable to transfer said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function from said third (3rd) party media provider to a media processing system.

26. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is operable to cause at least a portion of said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function to be presented to said user.

27. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is operable to cause at least a portion of said received media content corresponding to said key code and said at least one media exchange function to be displayed on a television screen of said media processing system.

28. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is operable to notify a user of availability of said key code associated with said media program generated by said third (3rd) party media provider.

29. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is operable to receive said key code generated by one or more of a remote control device, a keyboard, a scanning device and/or an audio processing device.

30. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is one or more of a media processing system processor, a media management system processor, a computer processor, a media exchange software processor and/or a media peripheral processor.

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said associated plurality of key codes provide authorization to access an existing function for media exchange.

32. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 31, comprising accessing media information related to said existing function for media exchange using said associated plurality of key codes.

33. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein said associated plurality of key codes provide authorization to access an existing function for media exchange based on a payment of a fee.

34. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 7, wherein said associated plurality of key codes provide authorization to access an existing function for media exchange.

35. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 34, comprising code for accessing media information related to said existing function for media exchange using said associated plurality of key codes.

36. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 34, wherein said associated plurality of key codes provide authorization to access an existing function for media exchange based on a payment of a fee.